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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE CODEL CRANE VISIT LISBON FEB 15-16

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1. CONGRESSMAN PHILIP CRANE AND WIFE ARRIVED LISBON FEBRUARY 15 ENROUTE ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE, AT INVITATION ASSOCIATION PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS COMPANIES (APEU). CONGRESSMAN CALLED BRIEFLY ON FONMIN PATRICIO AND OVERSEAS MINISTRY OFFICIALS, AND WAS GIVEN LUNCH BY DR. JOSE HOMEN DE MELLO, APEU PRESIDENT.

2. GOVERNMENT-LINING PRESS, NOTABLY EPOCA AND DIARIO DE NOTICIAS, GAVE TWO-DAY VISIT FRONTPAGE COVERAGE. ARTICLES STRESSED THAT CONGRESSMAN CRANE HAS VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED GOP OVERSEAS POLICY IN CONGRESS, AND NOW SEEKS FIRST-HAND DATA WITH WHICH INFORM AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS REGARDING PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS.

3. CONGRESSMAN PORTRAYED BY A CAPITAL AS TRUE FRIEND OF PORTUGAL AND BELIEVER THAT PORTUGAL IS AMERICA'S MOST LOYAL FRIEND IN EUROPE. QUOTED CONGRESSMAN TO EFFECT THAT

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PORTUGAL'S "BAD PRESS" IN US BASICALLY DUE LACK UNBIASED

INFORMATION, WHICH, WHEN FURNISHED, WILL LEAD GREATER
POPULAR UNDERSTANDING OF PORTUGAL.

4. COMMENT: IN LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE FEBRUARY 15, WE
FOUND CONGRESSMAN OPEN-MINDED, ARTICULATE, AND EAGER TO
LEARN ABOUT PORTUGUESE AFRICA AT FIRST HAND. OTHER
FOREIGN DIGNITARIES INVITED TO VISIT OVERSEAS IN
RECENT WEEKS INCLUDE BRAZILIAN DEPUTY, SWEDISH PARLIAMEN-
TARIANS, AND SOVIET JOURNALIST VICTOR LOUIS.
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